



**Bulletin #2012-003 5 – December - 2011**

Subject:

Fuel Changes and Order Form

Overview:

Effective immediately, the following rule changes go into effect.

1. Add the following as Article 3.5:

5. Designated Official Products

When a product has been designated by Rally America as an official product of the Rally America National Championship, no competing product may be sold, promoted, supplied, delivered, distributed, advertised, stored or displayed at Rally America National Championship rallies.

2. Add the following to Article 8.2.C:

- x. Exclusion for violating Article 3.5.

3. Replace Article 10.1.E with the following:

- E. Fuel

1. Open Class vehicles entered in Rally America National Championship rallies are required to use either:

- a. One of the official fuels as listed on the fuel order form on the Rally America website.

- b. An alternate fuel (e.g., propane), which must be approved by the Competition Director 90 days in advance of the event.

2. All other vehicles entered in Rally America National Championship rallies are required to use either:

- a. One of the official fuels as listed on the fuel order form on the Rally America website.

- b. Locally purchased 94 (or lower) octane street legal pump gasoline without additives or octane booster.

- c. An alternate fuel (e.g., propane), which must be approved by the Competition Director 90 days in advance of the event.
3. All other rally vehicles are required to use either:
  - a. Unleaded gasoline with a minimum specific gravity of 0.735 at 60 degrees Fahrenheit and containing no MTBE.
  - b. Diesel fuel.
  - c. An alternative fuel (e.g., propane), which must be approved by the Competition Director 90 days in advance of the event.
4. Use of nitrous oxide (as a fuel or an oxidizer) is explicitly prohibited.
5. Fuel Sample Acquisition: All rally vehicles shall be equipped with an easily accessible sampling valve/port located between the fuel tank and the carburetor(s) or fuel injection. To avoid spillage, the sampling valve/port shall not consist of removing a fuel line from any fuel system component unless a dry break fitting has been installed. In all cases competitors shall provide the labor and appropriate tooling necessary to safely obtain the sample. A manned fire extinguisher shall be present whenever samples are being acquired.

Rally America will be testing for lead, MTBE and specific gravity at national events as well as selected regional events.

Rationale: These rule changes are being made to allow Rally America to designate products as official products for the National Championship, including requiring the use of an official fuel under some circumstances.

Questions regarding this bulletin received by Rally America from licensed Drivers and Co-Drivers will be answered in writing.